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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a _____ continuation-in-part XX continuation _____ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application, Serial No. 10/433,182 filed on May 29, 2003 of Jürgen Richter, Jan Blazek, and Jan Sedlacek for BAND CLAMP.

The filing fee is calculated below:

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1. XX A check in the amount of \$ 968.00 is enclosed.
2. XX The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-0467. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.
3. _____ Cancel in this application original claim(s) _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
4. _____ A copy of the executed oath or declaration from U.S. Application Serial No. _____ filed _____ is enclosed.
5. _____ A new oath or declaration, new formal drawings and an affidavit or declaration verifying it as a true copy is enclosed.

6. Information Disclosure Statement with copies of patent(s) (Form - PTO-1449);

7. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: ---
This is a continuation, division, of application serial no.
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8. The prior application is assigned of record to:

9. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

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10. XX A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

11. XX Priority of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/433,182 filed on May 29, 2003 and International Application No. PCT/EP00/12121, filed on December 1, 2000 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120 and §365;

12. XX I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application serial no. 10/433,182 as originally filed on May 29, 2003.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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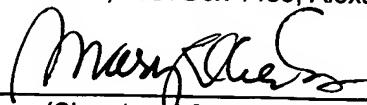


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